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Aviation Safety Alert

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Subject: Troutdale Airtanker Base Closure: **RESCINDED**

Area of Concern: Aviation Operations

Distribution: Aviation Managers, Dispatchers and Pilots

Discussion: This rescinds Safety Alert FS 06-02 issued in July 2006 closing the Troutdale Airtanker Base.

Review of actions taken to mitigate safety concerns has been completed satisfactorily. It has been determined that the Troutdale airport can again be used for airtanker operations.

The Code of Federal Regulations Title 14: Aeronautics and Space, Part 77 – Objects Affecting Navigable Airspace establishes the requirement for obstruction clearance. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has coordinated with the Port of Portland to provide an adequate approach clearance thus allowing for the necessary landing and takeoff surface area.

The Forest Service has a strong interest in the continued use of the Troutdale Airtanker Base to protect the Bullrun Watershed, the source of Portland's water supply, and to protect the ever increasing wildland urban interface within the entire Columbia River Gorge. Now that aviation safety issues have been resolved, Troutdale Airtanker Base is open to airtanker operations.

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